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STORAGE WITH EAGER
COMPRESSION, FAIL-SAFE
EXTRACTION AND RESTART TIME
COMPRESSION SCAN

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PARTIAL DELETION OF PRIORITY CLAIMS

Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a preliminary amendment that partially deletes a priority claim.

This Preliminary Amendment deletes any claim of priority for 10/462,996 filed 16 June 2003.

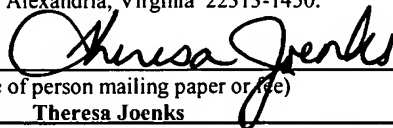
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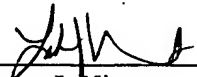
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